



Humboldt State University  
Graduation Rate Initiative  
Report for May and July, 2014

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Campus: Humboldt State University

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**1. What did your team commit to completing during May and June, 2014 (What did you promise)?**

Our expectation was that May and June would be relatively fallow months because the semester is ending which will limit faculty involvement and many administrators take vacation time in late May and June. In addition, a new President and Interim Provost will be arriving on campus in mid-July and their input and guidance will be vital as we move forward.

The online orientation and registration process for incoming students would be tweaked and implemented.

The “Right Sizing” group would continue to meet.

Implementation plans for advising reform would continue to be developed.

**2. What did you do and how will it help?**

The “Right Sizing” group did not meet but a small sub-group continued to work on possible formulas for determining optimum program/major size.

The Advising Center was moved so that it is co-located with the Career Center, with which it was organizationally merged two years ago under a single director, further highlighting for students the connection between career decisions and academic preparation. The online orientation and course registration process for both first time and transfer students is ongoing and includes course mapping for freshman by major including major and GE class preferences.

Leadership and pilot program participants in the Educational Advisory Board Student Success Initiative continued to work with EAB consultants including our data team to validate the results of EAB’s initial transcript analysis.

The Interim AVP for Retention and Inclusive Student Success (RISS) has initiated

implementation planning of the identity-based Centers for Academic Excellence and for the next iteration of MapWorks.

The Scheduling Working Group met to review the latest round of course scheduling and discussed possible changes to the scheduling rules to emphasize access to critical courses in prime time.

### **3. What will you accomplish in July and August?**

The new President and Interim Provost will be on campus in mid-July which may shape our activities for July and August.

Work with EAB will continue.

New student on-campus orientation will take place in late August.

The next iteration of MAP Works evaluation will begin.

The comprehensive advising plan vetted to the campus will begin being implemented.

The Right-Sizing group will begin meeting again as the semester starts in late August.

The Scheduling Working Group will meet again to continue discussions and decide on recommendations to the Interim Provost for spring 2015 course scheduling.